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The DSFEIS has no analysis concerning the economic feasibility of the FAP 340. Is there funding available for this scale of a project? Would implementation of the alternatives be more feasible to implement and fund? How would the public be financially impacted by the construction of the extension, such as increased taxes or tollway costs?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for FAP 340. If you have any questions, please contact me at the District Office.

Sincerely,

*Michael A. Pastoris*  
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Executive Director

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### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Office of Water Resources

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George H. Ryan, Governor • Brent Manning, Director

January 11, 2001

Mr. John P. Kos, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Division of Highways/District 1  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196

Dear Mr. Kos:

Thank you for your December 29, 2000 letter and the Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Interstate 355 South Extension. As you are probably aware, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources will require permits for construction activity within the floodways of streams draining more than 1 square mile consistent with our longstanding administrative rules and design requirements. Continued coordination in that regard should be through Mr. Gary Jereb of my Northeastern Illinois regulatory staff.

I have forwarded your letter and the Draft Supplement to this Department's Office of Realty and Environmental Planning for their review and comment as the Department's primary environmental, regulatory reviewer. They will provide any appropriate comments to you directly.

Should you have any additional comments or questions in this regard, feel free to contact Mr. Jereb at 847/705-4341 or me at 217/782-2152.

Sincerely,

*Donald R. Vonnahme*  
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Director

cc: Gary Jereb  
Tom Flattery, OREP

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### Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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March 12, 2001

Charles Perino, PhD.  
Wetland Unit Manager  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois 62764

RE: FAP Route 340 (I-355 South Extension)  
Cook, DuPage and Will Counties

Dear Dr. Perino:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation FAP Route 340 for compliance with the Illinois Wetland Policy Act of 1989 and has the following comments to offer:

- The Department concurs with the wetland descriptions and re-evaluation findings as described in **Section 2.11.3 Wetlands**.
- The Department concurs with the determination of wetland impacts described in **Section 4.10.3**. Also, it has been noted the total wetland loss accrued by the Preferred Alternative has been reduced by 0.7 acre from the 1996 FEIS.
- The Department concurs with the statements provided in **Sections 4.10.4 Operational Impacts, 4.10.5 Cumulative Impacts, 4.10.6 Avoidance Alternatives and 4.10.7 Measures to Minimize**.
- The Department concurs with the revised acreage figure for wetland impacts and the revision of the amount wetland mitigation acres required per the IWPA compensation ratios listed in **Table 4-2, Section 4.10.8**. The Department will continue to work with IDOT and the ISTHA, on all wetland compensation plans, to insure the project is in full compliance with the IWPA.
- The Department concurs with the statements made in **Sections 4.10.9 Floodplains and 4.10.10 Impacts to Seeps**.

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Please contact me at 217/785-5500 if you have any questions or require clarification concerning any of the above comments.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Malone*  
Patrick Malone, Manager  
Interagency Wetland Program  
Division of Resource Review and Coordination

cc: Steve Hamer